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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL TO EXECUTE AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS NON-COUNTY  
HEALTH FACILITIES TO PROVIDE RESIDENT TRAINING FOR PHYSICIANS IN  
POSTGRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAMS, EFFECTIVE UPON EXECUTION BY BOTH PARTIES**

**(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to execute Affiliation Agreements with non-County health facilities to provide resident training for physicians in postgraduate training programs at various Department of Public Health facilities and/or programs.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve and instruct the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to execute Affiliation Agreements with various non-County health facilities to provide resident training for physicians in postgraduate (PPG) training programs at various DPH facilities and/or programs, effective upon execution by both parties, but no sooner than Board approval, with no monetary payment between parties, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) Risk Management (RM) Operations.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to: a) amend Affiliation Agreements, as necessary, to add or remove training programs, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and CEO RM; b) periodically revise and/or add County's Standard Terms and Conditions in the Affiliation Agreements(s), during the term of the agreement as necessary, upon recommendation by County Counsel and CEO RM; c) terminate any existing and future Affiliation Agreement(s), when advisable, upon notification to County Counsel and CEO RM; and d) include mutual indemnification language in future Affiliation Agreement(s) with non-County facilities at

County's the sole discretion, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and CEO RM.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

DPH is requesting approval to enter into Affiliation Agreements with various non-County health facilities for PPG training programs at various DPH facilities and/or programs. Such affiliations are necessary when a non-County health facility does not have appropriate staff, facilities, or resources to complete the training of its own residents in a particular area or specialty and when the County health facilities has the appropriate staff, facilities, and resources to provide such training.

The exchanges for residency training are often necessary for the maintenance of residency accreditations by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. The salaries of residents participating in the exchanges will be paid by the sending health facility.

Approval of the recommendations will allow DPH to expeditiously administer the Affiliation Agreements, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and CEO RM.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions support Goal 4, Health and Mental Health, of the County's Strategic Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no monetary payment between the parties under these Affiliation Agreements. The salaries of residents participating in the exchanges will be paid by the sending health facility.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

For a number of years, County health facilities have affiliated with various non-County health facilities to assist physicians in meeting accreditation requirements in specialty medical training programs. For the past five years, DPH was included in the Department of Health Services Affiliation Agreements. DPH is now entering into their own agreements. The Affiliation Agreements will allow non-County facilities to utilize County facilities to provide required resident training which cannot be offered at their own facilities.

Affiliation Agreements benefit the County as well as the non-County facilities in providing medical care at various DPH facilities and/or programs at no monetary cost to the County. The program will also provide additional patient care resources for DPH.

The recommended agreements will be reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel and CEO RM prior to distribution to the non-County health facilities.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

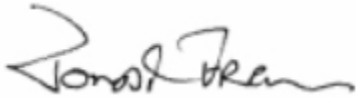
Approval of these actions will allow DPH to enter into Affiliation Agreements with non-County facilities to provide resident training.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jonathan E. Fielding". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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